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SUBJECT: RANSFER OF F-5 AIRCRAFT

REFERENCE: (A) CARMISH MAAG TEHRAN TEL 131031Z MAY 75

(B) TEHRAN 6838

1. IN BELIEF THAT DETAILED LISTING OF AIRCRAFT ALLOCATION  
AND AVAILABILITY DATES (REF A) AND MAAG/EMBASSY CONVERSA-  
TIONS WITH GEN. TOUFANIAN IN MAY AND JUNE APPEARED TO SHOW  
GOI ACQUIESCENCE IN US PROPOSALS FOR TRANSFER OF 12 F-5A/BS  
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TO KENYA, USG MADE COMMITMENT TO KENYA. USG ENGAGED IN DE-  
TAILED SECURITY ASSISTANCE PLANNING WITH GOK AND PROVIDED  
DOLS 5 MILLION IN FY 75 FMS GUARANTEED CREDIT FOR WHICH  
KENYANS SIGNED CREDIT AGREEMENT. IN ADDITION, US SENT

MILITARY TEAM TO SURVEY KENYAN NEEDS FOR SPARE PARTS AND AGE TO SUPPORT F-5S. DURING VISIT BY THAT TEAM TO IRAN GOI GAVE NO INDICATION THAT IT WOULD NOT MAKE AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE FOR US REPURCHASE AND SALE TO KENYA. IN OUR VIEW ONLY ISSUE OUTSTANDING CONCERNED AIRCRAFT COST, WHICH GOI HAS DECLINED TO SPECIFY FOR PAST FOUR MONTHS.

2. AS YOU ARE AWARE, WE HAVE URGED IRANIAN SUPPORT FOR JORDANIAN ARMED FORCES AND HAVE BEEN GRATIFIED BY GOI RESPONSE. AT SAME TIME WE CONSIDER STABILITY OF KENYA AND ITS ADHERENCE TO MODERATE POLICIES IMPORTANT TO THE STRATEGIC INTERESTS WE SHARE WITH IRAN IN THE HORN OF AFRICA. IMPORTANCE OF STRENGTHENING THE MODERATE ELEMENTS IN REGION IS UNDERSCORED BY RECENT DISCLOSURES OF SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN SOMALIA, WITH IMPLICATIONS THEY HOLD FOR SAFETY OF STRATEGIC SEA PASSAGES. IRAN'S COOPERATION IN HELPING KENYA DEVELOP A MODEST AIR DEFENSE CAPABILITY BY AGREEING TO TRANSFER OF EXCESS F-5S TO KENYA WOULD HELP PROMOTE STABILITY AND LIMIT SOVIET INROADS IN THIS AREA OF GREAT INTEREST TO BOTH US AND IRAN.

3. AFTER MEETING USG COMMITMENTS TO GREECE, ETHIOPIA, AND KENYA, GOI WOULD STILL HAVE 6 A'S AND 13 B'S AVAILABLE. IRANIANS COULD THEN TRANSFER TO JORDAN 6 A'S AND ANY ADDITIONAL NUMBER OF B'S THEY WOULD SPARE AND WHICH WE UNDERSTAND JORDAN IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN OBTAINING. IF GOI COULD PROVIDE 6 B'S ALONG WITH A'S GOI WOULD THEN HAVE ITS 12 ADDITIONAL F-5A/B AIRCRAFT.

4. DRAWING ON FOREGOING, YOU SHOULD APPROACH GOI AT LEVEL YOU CONSIDER NECESSARY, EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO TIMELY PROVISION OF AIRCRAFT TO KENYA AND COMMITMENT WE MADE ON BASIS OF OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT GOI HAD CONCURRED IN TRANSFER OF EXCESS F-5S TO KENYA, AND URGE THAT GOI RE-CONSIDER ITS POSITION AS STATED REF B. IF GOI CONTINUES TO BE DISSATISFIED WITH OFFERED PRICE OF DOLS 106,000, WHICH WE BELIEVE IS REASONABLE AND CONSISTENT WITH PRICES  
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QUOTED TO OTHER NATIONS BY USAF, YOU MAY SAY THAT WE WOULD BE WILLING TO NEGOTIATE FURTHER WITH GOK TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM TO SATISFACTION OF GOI. YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO CONSIDER TRANSFER OF ADDITIONAL F-5A/B AIRCRAFT TO JORDAN, BUT OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT IRAN COULD DO THIS AS WELL AS PROVIDING PLANES TO KENYA. KISSINGER

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